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## CHURCH NEWS.

### LANDAW MEMORIAL WINDOW IN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Lenten Services in Ascension Church—New Departure in First Presbyterian Church—General Church Notes.

Memorial window number five in the new First Baptist Church edifice, is a memorial to the late Christopher Landaw, grandfather of Harry L. Osborne, and is presented by Mr. Landaw's descendants. It will be a landscape window of finest art glass in the front of the auditorium on the Franklin street side, showing in the gallery at the left of the organ. It represents a rich valley scene showing half of the valley with the mountain on the left and a part of the "River of Life" flowing toward the right. The hill in the foreground is purplish blue lightening up toward the distance. Flowers of various colors show in clusters in the grass by the river side. The sky is colored in the noonday blue. The trees in the foreground and the lines of the picture give a greater perspective than in the larger windows lending the suggestion of greater distance. For the tops of the trees filling in the top of the window, special glass has been made to give the effect of individual leaves instead of the usual mass of green.

The order of Sunday services in the Church of the Ascension, Montgomery and Berkeley avenues, is as follows: Holy communion, 8 a. m.; Sunday school, 12 m.; evening prayer and sermon, 8 p. m. Week-day services, Wednesday, 4 p. m. preacher, the Rev. J. W. Van Ingen; Friday, 8:15 p. m., preacher, the Rev. J. W. Tilley. Seats free. Good music. All welcome.

The Festival of Purim, an occasion of rejoicing in the Jewish church, will begin to-night and last until to-morrow night. The occasion is a commemoration of the victory of Queen Esther in saving the Jews in Persia.

There will be services in the synagogues this evening and Sunday morning, when the entire book of Esther will be read from the scroll, or Megillah, in the original Hebrew. Many celebrations, including children's entertainments after the Saturday evening services, have been arranged.

Westminster Men's League of Westminster Presbyterian Church, will give a social on March 5, a new film, entitled a trip over the Rocky and Selkirk Mountains, Canada, will be shown. A picture of Indian Ledge, scenes in the cotton industry and a comedy picture will make up the balance of the programme.

On Thursday evening, March 7, Thomas Masson, editor of Life, will lecture before the Men's League of Westminster Church. His subject will be, "Behind the Scenes of Literary Life." Ladies are cordially invited.

Rev. Augustus Elmendorf, rector of the Church of the Holy Cross, Jersey City, preached at the Wednesday evening service in Christ Episcopal Church. A luncheon was given by the Woman's Guild of the Glen Ridge Congregational Church Wednesday. The Woman's Missionary Union held an all-day sewing meeting in connection with the luncheon.

The Glen Ridge Mission Study Class met at the residence of Miss Alletha Williams, Ridgewood avenue, Wednesday afternoon.

Owing to the lack of attendance, the Glen Ridge Choral Society has been discontinued.

Rev. W. T. Wilcox, pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church, lectured in the Congregational Church Thursday afternoon on "Saul and the Witch." The work of the Dover Street Rescue Society of New York was explained to the members of Westminster Presbyterian Church Sunday night by Superintendent T. J. Noonan and Rev. Charles S. Dennis.

The music at the services in Christ Episcopal Church tomorrow will be as follows: Eleven o'clock, morning services in E flat, hymns; offertory anthem, "O Saving Victim," Mendelssohn; half-past four service, Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in D, Clare; offertory, "The Radiant Morn," Woodward.

On Sunday afternoon, March 10, the soloists and chorus of the Old First Presbyterian Church will render James H. Rogers' cantata "The Man of Nazareth." The service will be held at 4:30 o'clock, and will last one hour, and will take the place of the evening service for that day. The holding of a session at this hour is something new at First Church and is done to permit members of other congregations to attend without absenting themselves from their own church at their usual hour. A cordial invitation is extended to all who are fond of choral services to be present on Sunday afternoon, March 10, at 4:30 o'clock promptly.

Assemblyman Holloway of Montclair, has introduced a bill authorizing two or more municipalities to combine in the erection and maintenance of a garbage disposal plant, and to issue bonds to meet the payment for the same.

For immediate relief from corns, bunions or other feet troubles go to Dr. C. J. Neff, Surgeon Chiropodist, room No. 3, Trust Company building, -Advt.

## Concession Yielded.

With the changes in the membership of the East Orange Board of Education, made possible by the new school law, has come some changes in the policy of school administration and one of the changes relates to the vexatious question of vaccination.

The new board has receded somewhat from the firm stand taken by the old board in the enforcement of a compulsory vaccination rule, and has amended the vaccination regulations so that parents conscientiously opposed to vaccination may make affidavit to that effect and their children will then be admitted to the schools on condition that should it become necessary, in the opinion of the board, to exclude them as a matter of safety to other children, they are to be removed from the schools.

The only exception to the vaccination rule heretofore has been where a physician certified that a child was physically in no condition to be inoculated.

President Henry L. Cadmus and Charles P. Titus, members of the old board, and H. Addison Hickock voted against the resolution.

The resolution to admit children who have not been vaccinated was introduced by Mrs. William L. Smith chairman of the medical inspection committee.

Commissioner Wilson asked if the rule would conflict with the compulsory education law in the event of a child being excused from attendance. Rev. Ferdinand Q. Blanchard, of the committee, replied that legal advice had been obtained in drawing up the resolution.

Mr. Titus declared that the matter was one that required the opinion of medical experts before a board of laymen could pass on it.

Medical men differ, Commissioners George S. Hulbert and Lewis Buddy contended, and the question, they said, had resolved itself into one of common sense.

Mr. Buddy said that he had been given to understand that while as Mr. Blanchard had stated, but eight children have failed to meet the requirements, about 300 parents have signed their sympathy with the anti-vaccinationists, and many had complied with the rule rather than have any trouble. The demands of such a number, he said, deserved consideration.

## Death of R. K. Schuyler.

Richard Kingsland Schuyler, aged seventy-seven years, president of the Board of Education, died at his home, 158 Thomas street, Monday morning at 1:58 Thomas street, where he boarded.

Mr. Schuyler's death was due to apoplexy from gas.

When Mrs. Ida Martin, the daughter of Mrs. Anna Vreeland, with whom Mr. Schuyler boarded, went to call him in the morning, she noticed a strong odor of gas as she approached the room. She called her brother, William Vreeland, who broke open the door into Mr. Schuyler's room and found him lying on the bed dead. He had attached a tube to an open gas jet and placed the other end of the tube in his left nostril. Dr. Morgan W. Hughes was summoned and the police department notified and Policeman Shorter was sent to the house, and waited the arrival of Deputy County Physician Simmonds who made an examination and granted a permit for burial.

Mr. Schuyler was born in Arlington and was a son of the late Orton Schuyler, who owned a large tract of property in that section of Hudson county. He came here to reside about 25 years ago. During the Civil war he enlisted in Company H, Twenty-second New Jersey Volunteers and held the position of sergeant. He was a member of William S. Pierson Past G. A. R.

The funeral service took place Thursday afternoon in Christ Episcopal Church and was conducted by the Rev. E. A. White.

Mr. Schuyler is survived by his wife and two sons, Philip and Clarence Schuyler.

## The Edge Bill.

The Edge bill to limit the hours of women's work in factories, laundries, bakeries and restaurants passed on February 26, its second reading in the New Jersey Senate and a third reading is promised next week. Upon recommendation of the Committee on Corporations, to which the bill has been referred, the paragraph setting an eight hours' limit to night work has been omitted so that the bill is now strictly a ten hours' bill; and a clause has been added requiring that in all establishments covered by the bill a record be kept of the exact working hours of women employees.

## Illustrated Lecture.

The Rev. William T. Wilcox, pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, will give an illustrated lecture in Broughton Memorial Chapel on March 8 for the benefit of the Broughton Athletic Club. The subject of the lecture will be "Quaint Customs in Holland and Belgium."

Harry Maler, the hardware dealer, Nos. 449-451 Bloomfield avenue, is displaying a large new stock of Yale & Towne blunt door checks, and is also making a fine window display of general hardware.—Advt.

## NEW DEPARTURE.

Proposition to Put All Eighth Grade Pupils in the High School—Benefits of the New Scheme—Outline of High School Work.

The Board of Education at a meeting last week discussed plans for having boys continue in school after having passed the eighth grade. A resolution offered by Chairman Frederic R. Pilch proposed to amalgamate all the eighth grade pupils in the new High School building.

It was contended that pupils aged sixteen or more should have a man teacher and not always be under the tutelage of a woman.

Commissioner Brown upheld Mr. Pilch's recommendation and said he considered the plan a stroke of diplomacy.

It was voted to have the eighth grade plan go into effect at the beginning of the fall term.

President Oakes said he thought that the assembling of all eighth grade pupils under one roof might be objectionable to some who reside in remote parts of the town.

Mr. Pilch replied that in another year they would begin High School duties any way, so that a year's difference would not count very much.

Further, Mr. Pilch stated that the transfer of the pupils in the eighth grade would give an extra room in all the other schools.

"I venture to say," he declared, "that within three years we won't have a vacant chair in the new school."

Commissioner Van Winkle concurred in having the eighth grade boys under the tutelage of a male teacher.

The request of the school extension committee of the Town Improvement Association for permission to use the Berkeley School Assembly Hall and gymnasium once a week, was referred to the building committee.

Two new classes in the Fairview and Brookside Schools will be started March 1, and Miss Irma Seibert was appointed as one of the teachers, the other to be named later. The present teaching staff was reappointed for the year.

Superintendent Morris stated that the committee in charge of the school end of the centennial celebration committee had been discussing the question of small contributions from pupils, but the board promptly set its disapproval on such a plan. A rule adopted some years ago forbids contributions from scholars for any purpose.

Mr. Morris was given a week's leave of absence to attend a convention of school superintendents in St. Louis.

The request of Captain Theodore Jones, of Brookdale Hose Company, to be allowed the use of the old school building for storage of their equipment, was referred to the building committee.

Research made in the Silver Lake district will be a subject of consideration by the board in the near future.

One object sought in transferring the eighth grade pupils from all the grammar schools to the high school is to dissipate the erroneous impression that the high school is simply a preparatory school for college. The high school has suffered to a considerable degree owing to the extent of that mistaken idea. Many people have gratuitously accepted upon hearsay and have made no effort to make personal investigation or inquiry as to the facts of the case.

Many parents when their children finish the eighth grade course take them out of school because as they say, they cannot afford to send their children to college and have no intention of doing so; and holding the view that they do that the high school course is a college preparatory course exclusively, they naturally look upon it as a waste of time and effort to have their children take a course of study that they regard as of no practical use to them.

It is anticipated that the new move of transferring the eighth grades to the high school will infuse a broader view of that institution in many homes and will instill an ambition for more advanced education among many pupils who would under the old course of events terminate their school life with the completion of the eighth grade course.

High school educational work in this town is designed to meet the practical needs of all the people irrespective of financial standing. There is a classical course that fills the needs of the boys and girls who intend to continue their educational work in higher institutions, after completing the high school course. The classical course is the college preparatory course, but it is not the predominating feature in the school work, and co-ordinate with it are the academic and commercial courses, and parents who do not want to send their boys and girls to college can confer a great benefit upon them by giving them two or more years in either the academic or the commercial course, because he design of those courses is to enable the pupils to better equip themselves for the practical duties of life. If it is desired that the boys shall engage in commercial pursuits the commercial course in the high school meets the elementary requirements along that line and can be taken independent of the classical course. If the boy is to be an artisan, the elementary sciences of the academic course will prove of great benefit to him and he can pursue studies along his special line without getting mixed in the other lines. A correct understanding of the work of the high school can be obtained by an investigation of the numerous lines of study pursued, and an application to Superintendent Morris for a programme of the course of studies will be responded to with pleasure.

If the Legislature makes no changes in the school laws that will interfere with the transfer of the eighth grade pupils, the new plan will be put into effect upon the completion of the new high school building.

## THE SCHOOL HOUSE.

Its Uses as a People's Play Centre—Set Forth by Clarence A. Perry of the Russell Sage Foundation—An Interesting Meeting in Berkeley School.

"If a city were obliged to choose between furnishing its children their schooling and looking after their play-life it could, I believe, give up the schooling more safely than it could go without directing the game and sports."

This statement was made Monday evening at the Berkeley school by Clarence Arthur Perry of the Russell Sage Foundation. The occasion was an illustrated lecture upon "The Schoolhouse, the People's Winter Play Centre" held under the auspices of the Berkeley Home and School Association.

"The safety of our democracy," continued Mr. Perry, "is more dependent upon the character of our citizens than it is upon their intelligence. The activities which do most to shape human character are those which fill in the leisure time of youth. Knowledge and example are not sufficient to give boys and girls backbone, honor and loyalty. These qualities must be acquired by doing by practice under wise oversight. The activities best adapted for developing in young people these sturdy virtues are properly organized games and sports. It has been said that the boy without a playground is fatter to the man without a job. I believe it is equally true that the girl without a social centre is mother to the woman without a home."

"If today hooligans and street-walkers infest our streets if there are grafters in our common councils and dishonest men in our city offices, it is because years ago our municipalities did not see to it that all their boys and girls played the games appropriate to youth in the proper way."

"It is beyond the ability of the individual family to provide the right kind of play life for young people. There are few fathers who can afford to give their sons playgrounds. But even if every family were financially able to provide the space and the facilities necessary for games and sports, there are other difficulties in the way. American families are not nowadays large enough to make up baseball nines out of their members, and it is just such games as baseball where boys get that kind of character building which is most needed in our modern life."

"One of the most significant developments of modern times is the rise of a social consciousness."

"More and more the wealthy people are seeing their city as a whole, and they cannot get the fullest enjoyment out of their own circumscribed estate if they do not care about their city."

"The 'city beautiful' movement, which has recently sprung up, is psychologically based upon the same principle. Citizens are no longer willing to have evil looking river fronts and great patches of horrid tenements upon their city maps. Every one of us is less able to live our lives without thinking of the comforts and happiness of those about us."

"Now the only way the boy and girl can take their first steps in the acquisition of this social consciousness is by means of team games. The boy who joins a nine cannot play for individual glory—he must, if necessary, subordinate his own excellence and play in such a manner that the team as a whole shall win. In the same way the girl on the basketball team must pass the ball to another girl, if that girl is more expert at goal throwing. Team games require not only appropriate space, but they require groups of the same age and sex."

"By means of the playground communities we are in the way of solving the summer problem. But if there is a play problem for the summer, there is also one for the winter. Young people need the opportunity for wholesome sports and games during the long winter months just as certainly as they do during the outdoor periods of the year. This problem is being solved in many cities by the use of the school buildings. In these magnificent structures which now dot our city wards, we have expensive property which has long been too idle outside of the regular day-school sessions. Fortunately, we are now discovering that the classrooms, basements, kindergarten rooms and other parts of the common school facilities can be used for recreational activities, and the discovery portends an era of civic health such as never has been witnessed in times past."

"The schoolhouse has the advantage of being well situated geographically; each schoolhouse in the centre of a neighborhood. It more than any other institution in our cities, touches families of all creeds and all parties. Instead of separating the children from their elders, as many people have feared, it has been found that in the social centre the parents and their children are brought together in a way that is not possible in the home."

"Fortunately, therefore, we are no longer confronted by the calamitous necessity of surrendering our schools in order to afford our young people the games and sports which are so essential to their character development and the future safety of our democracy. Our schools can be play centres, as well as centres of book-learning, and this double function is demanded of them not only by the needs of the times, but by the requirements of an economic and business-like utilization of the people's investments."

"According to the fullest information I have been able to obtain, organized recreation or social centres are maintained in some schools under municipal support and auspices in 12 cities of the United States. In ten others they are being conducted by voluntary organizations working in cooperation with the school board. In more than fourteen additional cities certain of the school

facilities, such as the gymnasiums, shower baths or rooms for club purposes, have been thrown open in one or more schools on certain evenings for public use. Besides these there are ten cities in which some sort of recreation centre work has been started in buildings other than schoolhouses. Thus in forty-six cities of which I know (there are undoubtedly others), centers for public recreation and neighborhood sociability are in operation."

"In many other cities (I know definitely of fifteen) an agitation for social centres has been started by some organization or definite group of people. In over a hundred cities schoolhouses are used for public entertainments and lectures, and the number where parent-teachers' associations and ward improvement organizations are holding meetings in the schoolhouses, and thus converting them into civic centres of neighborhood life, is so large as to be beyond the possibility of exact statement."

The speaker then showed some fifty lantern slides illustrating the recreation and social centres now held in the school buildings of various cities, among which were New York, Philadelphia, Rochester, Chicago, Cleveland and Columbus, Ohio, and Pittsburgh and Gary, Pa.

## High School Athletics.

This afternoon the Bloomfield High School boys and girls basketball teams will travel to New Brunswick and play the high school teams of that place. The teams will leave Bloomfield Centre at 12:45 o'clock.

Captain V. Cady will, in a short time, issue a call for candidates for the baseball team. Since very few baseball men graduated last June, this year's lineup will not be charged much. The veterans are: Captain V. Cady, M. Olinger, 13; S. C. Hamilton, 13; J. E. Dale, 13; H. Young, 14; C. Clarke, 13; D. Bleeker, 13; G. Van Tassel, 13; C. Storms, 14; J. Thompson, 14; D. Moore, 12; D. Lawrence, 12; R. Sternberger, 13. Manager E. Cady is preparing a first-class schedule which will begin April 24 and finish in the middle of June. Some of the teams which will be on the schedule this year are Barringer, Stevens Prep, Belleville High School, South Orange High School, Nutley High School, Flushing H. S. School and other high schools in the vicinity.

There is a good deal of talk about forming a track team this year. The track men in school this year are: H. F. Branstetter, 14, who showed up so well at the Princeton and Rutgers meet last spring; J. E. Hale, 13, and C. Storms, 13, who were the stars at the Fourth of July games last year; S. C. Hamilton, 13, who ran so well at Kamp Kiamasha last summer; E. Garlock, 14, of the championship Fairview relay team and J. Harris, 13, who was the individual star of last year's inter-class meet.

## Suspicious Find.

A thirty-six caliber revolver and a heavy piece of iron, bent in a half circle, in the possession of the police, are thought to be the property of James Mack and Frank Ryan who were arrested by Policeman O'Neil early Tuesday morning at the Erie Railway depot in Walnut street.

The revolver and iron were found under one of the seats in the depot. The police think they were placed there by the young men on the approach of the policeman.

Policeman Flynn of Belleville and Chief Higgins of Ridge, looked the prisoners over Tuesday morning, but did not recognize either of them.

## Building Line Query.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CITIZEN:—SIR:—In THE CITIZEN of the 24th inst., the statement was made that a building line should be established along the business blocks on the streets that converge at the Centre. The suggestion is all right, but what about a starting point?

Take Broad street for instance. Shall the Castle building of the Savings Bank Building dominate the line? It is evident that a gross injustice will be done Broad street property owners, if they are not accorded the same privilege that is enjoyed by the savings bank.

## To Repeat Minstrel.

The members of the Boy Scout troops who recently gave an interesting and enjoyable minstrel entertainment, have kindly consented to repeat it on March 16, for the benefit of the Town Improvement Association. The quality of this entertainment has been proven and the members of the T. I. A. can confidently promise an evening of delightful entertainment. The admission tickets are 50 cents and they will be on sale at Keyler's and Woods' drug stores and can be obtained from members of the association.

## Public Lecture.

The final lecture in the free public course of the Board of Education will be given on Friday evening, March 8, in Centre School. To close a most interesting year's series the popular novelty of moving pictures will be introduced. The subject of the lecture, "Three Great Americans, Washington, Lincoln and Grant," will be illustrated by beautiful moving picture specials. It is the purpose of the lectures to provide subjects that will interest and instruct the majority of the people. To those who incline to the moving picture form of entertainment a profitable and enjoyable evening is promised. Doors open at 7:30.

## CENTENNIAL PLANS.

SCHOOL PARADE COMMITTEE REPORT ADOPTED BY GENERAL COMMITTEE.

An Imposing Pageant Planned—All Educational Institutions in the Town Included—Details of the Programme.

Superintendent of Schools George Morris, who is chairman of the Committee on Education and School Parade, which is one of the sub-committees of the general organization that is arranging the centennial celebration project, made a report at the meeting of the general committee on Friday night of last week in which he outlined the part the schools would take in the celebration. The report met with the approval of the committee and was adopted. According to it the school parade will have the following features:

The Sacred Heart School will present an international aspect, in which various nations will be typified. The school will also have two artistically arranged floats for the small children. Red and white will be the predominating colors of the Sacred Heart School.

The military spirit will predominate in the part to be taken by St. Valentine's School in the parade. There will be impersonations of General Washington and General Kosciusko, followed by pupils costumed appropriately.

The German Theological School will present in monumental form a group of famous educators, scholars, reformers, philosophers and poets, such as Froebel, Pestalozzi, Erasmus, Luther, Knox, Calvin, Emerson, Franklin, Longfellow and others.

The country's territorial growth will be exemplified in the suggestions of the various features of the high school part in the parade. These suggestions will include New England, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, the South, the Middle West, the Far West, the Northwest, Alaska and Porto Rico.

The Berkeley Hall will lead the Berkeley School division of the parade. Special features of this school display will be two floats, one showing the original Berkeley School and the other a fruit and garden scene by the kindergarten.

Boys carrying rakes and hoes and girls with sprinkling-cans will typify the Berkeley garden.

In the Third Grade section the boys will represent the blue sky, the girls the clouds; the Fourth Grade, the boys clover and the girls flowers.

The Fifth Grade in the Berkeley division will represent the Town Improvement Association. The boys will be "white wings" and the girls dressed in white with blue bands over their shoulders, lettered T. I. A. In the Fifth Grade the boys will portray policemen and the girls nurses.

The Sixth Berkeley Division will illustrate the idea of Flag Day. All will carry flags and the girls' costumes will be red, white and blue. The final section of the Berkeley division will be a fancy dress parade, the boys, in dark suits and straw hats and the girls in white, and all carrying fancy parasols.

A parasol parade and drill will be one of the Brookside School divisions in the line. The girls will be costumed in white and carry parasols in pastel shades. The boys will wear white suits and carry wands or canes with streamers attached. Brookside will have three floats for the First Grade pupils and the kindergarten children will occupy decorated automobiles.

The Center School division will present picturesque typifications of the seasons and the sports and holidays pertaining to each season.

Brookdale School will be represented in the parade with three floats designated as follows: "The National Side," "The Social Side," by means of a garden scene; "The Educational Side," by means of the kindergarten.

The Silver Lake School will have two floats in the parade, one representing "Uncle Sam" and the other "Liberty," and each surrounded by negroes and Italians, with bodyguard of Indians and cowboys.

The Fairview School division will be arranged as follows: First, "Banners of the School;" second, "Kindergarten Float;" third, "Allegory 'Night,'" boys and girls dressed in dark blue and gold and silver star decorations; fourth, "Aurora Dawn," children dressed in yellow and white.

The first section of the Watessing school division in the parade will be typical of the American Revolution and "The Spirit of '76" troop will head that school's turnout; second, Kindergarten float, "Wild Rose," pink and green colors; third, "Rose Shower," pink and green; fourth, sunbonnet girls and overall boys; fifth, "Butterflies," sixth, "Robinhood and His Merry Men" in green suits; seventh, "Fairies;" eighth, "May Pole," lavender and yellow; ninth, "Japanese," yellow and lavender; pink and blue; tenth, "War of 1812" sailor suits.

## New Bank Inspection.

The officers of the Bloomfield Trust Company have issued invitations to an inspection of the company's new banking building this afternoon and evening, between the hours of 3 and 6 o'clock in the afternoon and 7:30 to 10 o'clock in the evening.